

Boxers Should Be Held To Contracts, It Is Asserted

Many Fighters Break Contracts With Impunity Except in States Where Boxing Is Legalized; a Cash Forfeit Seems Only Means of Holding Pugilists to Agreements.

BY T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 3.—Probably it would be a good thing for some of the boxers and the boxing promoters of this country if the former were held more strictly to account as regards contracts, etc., the same as in England.

There are many times when boxers in the United States enter into contracts and break them with impunity. Of course, in states like New York and Wisconsin, where the sport is legalized, the boxers are held strictly to account as regards the making of contracts, but there are so many places where the sport is not legalized that they do as they please. The only way to make a cash forfeit, it seems, is to have a cash forfeit to protect them.

In England the courts recognize the fact that boxing in a way is a legitimate sport, and fighters who enter into contracts are held just as liable as an actor who makes a contract for his appearance at any theater.

Johnny Summers, the English welterweight, who just returned to England from Australia, found this out a few weeks ago. Johnny had entered into a contract with a Liverpool promoter for a certain number of contests, but, according to reports, he failed to live up to his agreement. The promoter entered suit for damages on the return of Summers, and now Johnny will have to make good or fulfill the part of his contract which he neglected to do before going to the Antipodes.

There are many cases of that kind in the states, but few have ever gotten into the courts.

Ritchie-Wolcott Clash Near.
The stellar boxing attraction of the year will no doubt be the 19 round clash between Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion, and Al Wolcott, ex-champion, before the Queensbury Athletic club of Milwaukee, March 12. There is no doubt that this contest overshadows the proposed battle between Mike Gibbons and Paddy McFarland. The latter contest, if taken place, would have attracted a great deal of attention in the east and, in fact, all over the country, but in the case of Wolcott and Ritchie, the entire sporting fraternity throughout the United States seems to have gone daffy over it.

Wolcott started his hard work March 1, and Ritchie did likewise. The Michigan boxer will do his training in Milwaukee, while the San Francisco boy will in all probability train at Nate Lewis's gymnasium in Chicago. The weight will be the same as for the match between Ritchie and Tommy Murphy, 125 pounds, and at that weight Wolcott is heavier now by a few pounds than when he lost the title to Ritchie and according to his own statement, he is stronger in every way. His claim was borne out to a certain extent when he met Joe Rivers a few weeks ago, for he certainly gave the Los Angeles lightweight a terrific body punching during the 10 rounds.

Club Changes Its Attitude.
After all the talk about barring Jack Johnson from a championship match in England, the National Sporting club of London has changed its attitude in the matter and is now endeavoring to stage a big bout between J. J. Arling and Sam Langford. The club has offered a purse of \$15,000 for the acceptance of the negro challenger, and a 20 round battle, an offer which was to remain open until the first day of March. If the respective demands for \$20,000—win, lose or draw, it does not seem reasonable to suppose that the champion would accept a challenge for half that sum. The club insists that the purse, if accepted, is to be divided 50 percent to the winner and 50 percent to the loser, 75 percent and 25 percent, or the winner can take all; but they will not be a penny to any win, loss or draw arrangement, even should Langford be agreeable to such a proposal. A rejection by Johnson of these terms seems pretty certain, as well as the stipulation that each fighter puts up a \$2500 side bet. Joe Woodman has already lodged a \$2500 bet on behalf of Sam Langford, who agrees to all the club's conditions, including that of sharing the picture rights equally between the club and the two fighters. Meantime another syndicate is making frantic efforts to get Johnson to box Langford for \$10,000 a purse, to be divided anyhow the boxers please.

"Billy" Evans's Puzzling Problems of the Diamond

By Billy Evans

Famous American League Umpire.

INTERFERENCE plays always make trouble for an umpire. If you are in doubt about this, just ask some arbitrator for the toughest play he has ever figured in, and nine times out of ten it will have some sort of interference mixed up in it. Bill Guthrie, who worked for a time in the National League last season, related a play during a tanning bee of umpires in New York last summer that was surely a tough one for an umpire to bump into.

"Minneapolis and Milwaukee opened a series in the latter city on Labor Day, the outcome of which would have much to do with deciding the pennant winner," said Guthrie. "Minneapolis took the morning game, and the fans were much peeved. I put the rollers under Manager McCormick of the home team in the seventh, which did not tend to increase my popularity.

"The afternoon game was a corker. Neither team could score in the regulation nine innings. In the first half of the tenth, with two down and men on first and third, Minneapolis pulled a double steal. The play at the plate was very close. The runner was called safe, and the Milwaukee fans were still more peeved. The first two Milwaukee players were retired in order. Barry McCormick, the next batter, sent a fly to left field. Cravath, now with the Phillies, backed up almost to the crowd and set himself for the ball. Just as he was about to make the catch, several representative citizens in the front row bumped him rudely. He muffed the ball, then threw badly to third, and before the mix-up was over McCormick had scored with what many people believed to be the run that tied the score. I was umpiring the bases and was in a good position to see all that happened. What do you suppose I did?"

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Answer to Yesterday's Problem.

ACCORDING to the rules, Umpire Billy Klem, who was in charge of the game, could do nothing other than refuse to allow the hit. Section 4 of Rule 23, relative to the use of substitutes, says that when a player is substituted, the umpire must be notified of the change, and the umpire in turn must notify the crowd. Both captain and umpire are liable to fine if they disregard this rule. Down near the end of the rule it says: "Play shall be suspended while the announcement is being made." Consequently, while Umpire Klem was making the announcement play had been suspended, so that anything that happened in the meantime was void. Thus, Klem could do nothing other than make the batter hit over after sending the runners back to their respective bases. As I remember, on his second attempt the pinch hitter was retired without doing any damage, and the game was later called with the score a tie on account of darkness.—R. E.

ENTRIES JUATEZ JOCKEY CLUB

Wednesday, March 4—60th Day.

First race—Selling; 2 year olds and up.
Four furlongs.
Himyar Lass 102
Lady Benoit 102
June Bride 102
Vavotta Arde 102
Commuretta 102
Nellie 102
Lady Sharp 102
Lone 102
Mellick 102
Ray R. Star 102
Susan Ann 102
Fad Cook 102
Ch. f. by Palm Reader-Tillie C. (H. York) 102

Second race—Selling; 2 year olds and up.
Six furlongs.
Mehach 96
Bang 96
Edith Fay 96
Nitty 96
Charlie Boy 96
Tight Boy 96
Evan 96
Darkey 96
Dr. Macias 96
King Stewart 96
Tramont 96
Chas. Goets 96
Comstock 96
Prince Winter 96
Great Prior 96

Third race—Selling; 2 year olds and up.
One mile.
Candelaria handicap. One mile.
Swift 92
Solus 92
Just Red 92
Vernie 92
Orin Kripp 92
John Reardon 92
Curtis 92
Bert Getty 92

Fourth race—Selling; 2 year olds and up.
Six furlongs.
Peter Grimm 97
Lady Pender 97
Eve White 97
Jewel of Asia 97
Minnie Bright 97
Sylvia 97
Comstock 97
Butter Ball 97
Holding 97
Annual Interest 97
Nash race—Selling; 2 year olds and up.
Six furlongs.

John Star 102
Toy Boy 102
Salad 102
Felix Peters 102
Cool 102
Ormond Cunningham 102
Ramsey 102
Palatable 102
Calcium 102
Garry's Favorite 102
Fort Johnson 102
Angels 102
Sensica 102
Napa Nick 102

Five pounds apprentice allowance claimed.
Monday Results.
First race—Mile; selling; 2 year olds and up; value \$200. H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, won; Prince Winter, 115 (O'Brien), 4 to 1, second; Time, 1:48 2-5. Adair, 146 (Lambert), Lord Elms, Myrtle Marion, Arde D., Pasture, Lord Laid, Myrtle, Jam. Caffertia, Patrick F., Ajax ran.

Second race—Mile; selling; 2 year olds and up; value \$200. H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, won; King Rufford, 38 (Nelson), 4 to 1, second; Time, 1:41 1-2. Drums, Emma, Shorty Northern, Florence Rich, Calumeth, Glad Bell, Robert, Gen. Warren, Beautiful Knight ran.

Third race—Six furlongs; selling; fillies and mares; 2 year olds and up; value \$200. H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, won; Ethelida, 105 (W. Taylor), 6 to 1, second; Chilla, 115 (J. Murphy), 8 to 1, third; Na Reed, 106 (Donnelly), 8 to 1, fourth; Time, 1:13 2-5. Tilly Wolfarth, Perona, Silver Tones, Hope, Emma, Alvin Clark, Pretty Dale ran.

Fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs; Amateur handicap; 2 year olds and up; value \$100. H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, won; Seaside, 102 (Nelson), 4 to 1, second; Orange Blossom, 57 (A. Mot), 10 to 1, third; Time, 1:06. Royal Dolly, Lady Fausch, ran.

Fifth race—Six furlongs; selling; 2 year olds and up; value \$100. Rosemary, 106 (Hill), 3 to 1, won; H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, second; King Rufford, 38 (Nelson), 4 to 1, third; Time, 1:41 1-2. Drums, Emma, Shorty Northern, Florence Rich, Calumeth, Glad Bell, Robert, Gen. Warren, Beautiful Knight ran.

Sixth race—Mile; selling; 4 year olds and up; value \$100. H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, won; Ethelida, 105 (W. Taylor), 6 to 1, second; Chilla, 115 (J. Murphy), 8 to 1, third; Na Reed, 106 (Donnelly), 8 to 1, fourth; Time, 1:13 2-5. Tilly Wolfarth, Perona, Silver Tones, Hope, Emma, Alvin Clark, Pretty Dale ran.

Seventh race—Mile; selling; 2 year olds and up; value \$100. H. H. (Nelson), 4 to 1, won; Ethelida, 105 (W. Taylor), 6 to 1, second; Chilla, 115 (J. Murphy), 8 to 1, third; Na Reed, 106 (Donnelly), 8 to 1, fourth; Time, 1:13 2-5. Tilly Wolfarth, Perona, Silver Tones, Hope, Emma, Alvin Clark, Pretty Dale ran.

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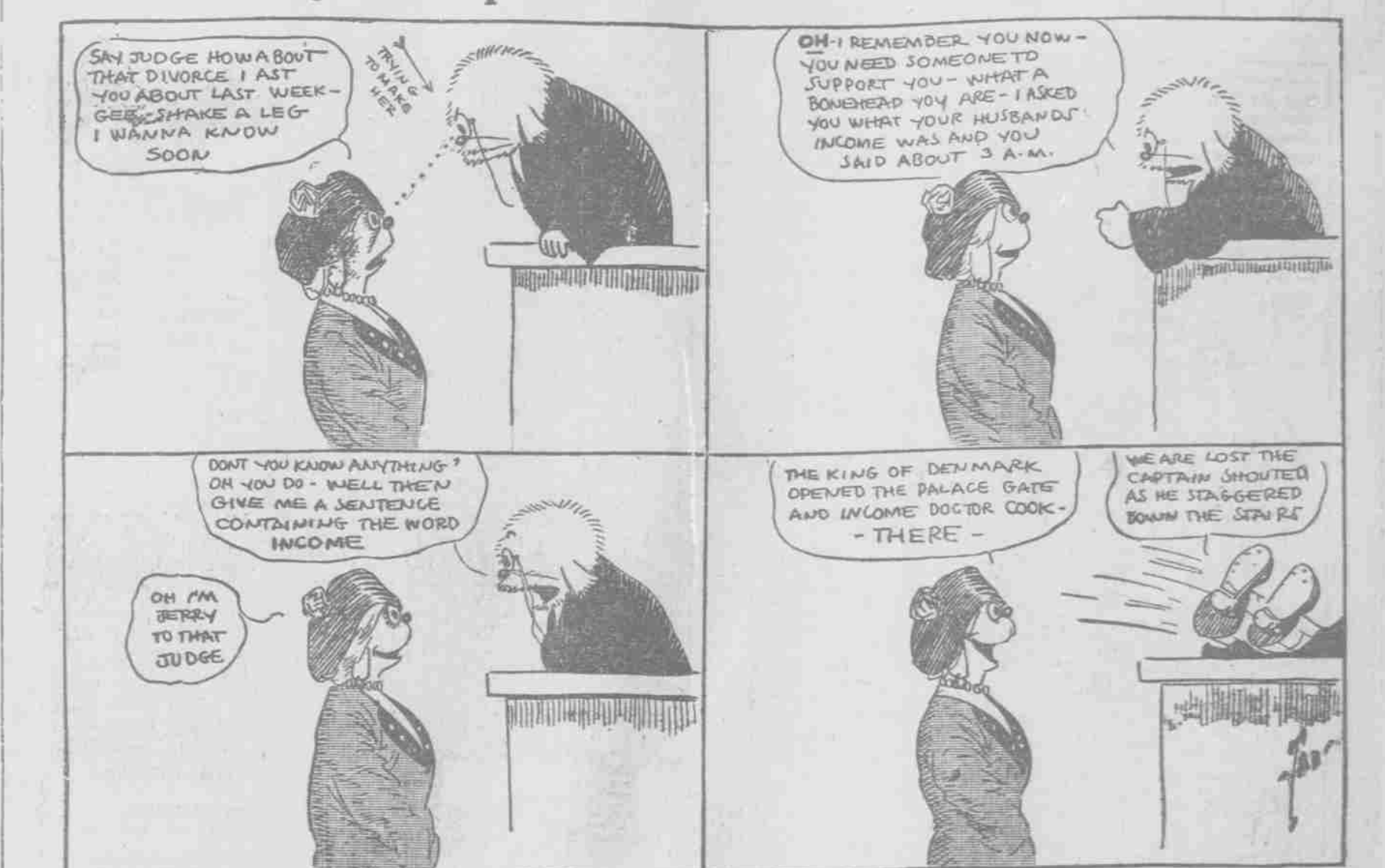
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THE MEANING OF THE WORD INCOME



Militia Might Stop Fed Attack

National League Needs Guard

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Isn't it almost time that governor John K. Tener, the National league president, exercised his gubernatorial power and called out the militia to protect the Nationals from the terrific onslaught of the Federals?

If ever we get to scrapping with our Mexican neighbors, it seems that president Wilson would make a master stroke by appointing Walter Johnson, of Washington, as sharpshooter-in-chief.

Those Mexicans ought to be able to dodge a few thousand bullets, even might be brave enough to face a Gatling gun, but what human courage could send a man onward before the terrific fusillade that Johnson can issue forth?

In case of war fond relatives and friends of Eddie Zimmerman, the pugacious third sacker of the Cubs, ought to restrain him from joining the army. Eddie's gotten so into the habit of getting himself suspended that he might not get over it even in Mexico. And in Mexico they usually suspend a person by the neck.

While on the subject of war, bravery and the like, let us not overlook Bill Klem, the umpire.

Bill took the mighty risk of a trip around the world with a bunch of ball players. He traveled on the same boat as did his natural enemies. Before he started Bill knew a little push, a little splash in the mighty ocean and 10,000 wrongs would be righted, yet he went along. Isn't that bravery of the most kind?

We've been so busy focusing our optics on the Federal league doing that we have up to now overlooked one of

Baker Signs McFarland and Ritchie

Will Send Fighters To Antipodes

"S" BAKER, dean of Australian fight promoters, has wound up negotiations with Paddy McFarland and Willie Ritchie to box in the Antipodes. Opponents will be selected for both after their arrival there. Ritchie will leave shortly after his bout with Tommy Murphy in San Francisco whenever that may be, according to Baker. Baker also has an eye on the French middleweight, and will make an effort to land the young Frenchman for a battle with Eddie McGeerthy who is now in Sydney.

Joe Mandot is more aggressive and even more clever and speedier than any time during his career, according to a prominent eastern boxing critic. In his eagerness to make a successful "comeback" and win \$100,000, Mandot has gone in to mix it with the same old nerve and courage when things go against him. Mandot has a paper jaw but will not stand more than ordinary punishment.

Out of 44 games played on the foreign tour, the White Sox have won 24 and the Giants 20. Two ties at Los Angeles and Cairo were played. Against native players the Giants won two games, and a combination of both teams won the other. It is estimated that the trip will have the promoters \$75,000 to the good. The exhibition in America alone, netted the globe sliders nearly \$100,000.

Unless the international management can collect a first class team speedily, it will be in no shape to make a fight for the international league pennant. Only three players are expected to return to the United States, the other 24 having been grabbed off by the Federal league. Killy Brannfield, manager of the Montreal club, believes that the major league will lend a helping hand to the Canucks.

San Francisco millionaire, it is said, backed James W. Coffroth, the Gate city boxing promoter, in his efforts to purchase the interest in the Chicago Cubs. Coffroth was very reticent regarding his recent mission to Chicago and refused to either affirm or deny the rumor. It is said that Coffroth intended to outbid all rivals in an attempt to purchase the club.

Ad Wolcott could whip either Kaufman or Kenneth, heavyweight fighters, who drew 20 uninteresting rounds to a draw at Vernon Saturday night, according to popular opinion of Los Angeles fans. Outside of the semi-wildcat between Frankie Gage and Babe Finto, the show was a farce. Pleats outboxed Gage in every round, and settled the championship aspirations of Charley O'Connor's protégé.

Johnnie Coulon, the bantamweight champion, has posted a forfeit of \$500 with Eddie Smith, a Chicago sportsman.

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